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SUBJECT: CHINA AND IBRD/IMF

REF: (A) TAIPEI 4496; (B) TAIPEI 4293; (C) PEKING 0455

1. USG IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH BANK AND FUND TO MAKE SURE
POINTS MENTIONED IN REF.(A) ARE COVERED. WITH REFERENCE TO
SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN PARA. ONE OF REF.(A):

A. WE ARE CONSIDERING BEST WAY TO APPROACH CHAIRMAN OF
ANNUAL MEETING G.M. CHAMBERS FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.
CHAMBERS MAINTAINS CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS AND
HAS A REPUTATION FOR INTELLIGENCE, INTEGRITY, AND ABILITY TO
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DEFEND HIS CONVICTIONS IN ANY FORUM. IN LIGHT OF ALI WARD-

HANA'S CONTINUING SUPPORT A INTEREST (REF. B), WOULD APPRECIATE ROC VIEWS ON REQUESTING HIM TO INITIATE APPROACHES TO CHAMBERS OR SUPPLEMENT ANY APPROACHES MADE BY US OR BANK/FUND MANAGEMENT.

B. OF KEY COUNTRIES CONTACTED LAST YEAR, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, COLOMBIA, GREECE, IRELAND, JAPAN AND NORWAY HAVE NEW BANK GOVERNORS. WE DO NOT KNOW OF FUND CHANGES, BUT THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE OTHER CHANGES BETWEEN NOW AND ANNUAL MEETING. BEST WAY FOR ROC TO FOLLOW THESE PERSONNEL CHANGES IS THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVE AT BANK/FUND. WE DO NOT KNOW ATTITUDE OF NEW GOVERNORS, BUT SINCE THEY WILL BE INSTRUCTED BY GOVERNMENTS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT USEFUL TO CANVASS THEIR INDIVIDUAL VIEWS AT PRESENT TIME. USG WILL APPROACH KEY COUNTRIES AT APPROPRIATE TIME TO REMIND THEM OF OUR CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR ROC PARTICIPATION AND OUR HOPE THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT EFFORTS SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR. USG BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE TO AVOID MOVES WHICH MIGHT HAVE THE EFFECT OF PRECIPITATING A CHALLENGE. WILL KEEP MARTIN WONG AND EMBASSY TAIPEI INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

C. DR. H. JOHANNES WITTEVEEN, FORMER FINANCE MINISTER OF NETHERLANDS, WAS NAMED AS NEW IMF DIRECTOR JULY 31. HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE U.S. WILL INFORM EMBASSY AS SOON AS HIS VIEWS ON CHIREP ARE KNOWN.

2. AS LAST YEAR, USG IS PREPARED TO SECOND AMENDMENT IF NECESSARY, BUT STILL PREFERS NOT TO IF SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE AVAILABLE.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO WONG CONVERSATION IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REF(A), DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WERE REFERRING TO CONVERSATIONS WITH PEKING OFFICIALS ON BANKING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS IN WHICH NO INTEREST IN BANK/FUND MEMBERSHIP WAS EXPRESSED (CF. REF. C). ROGERS

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